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2. The document contains a description of Communist intentions to create disorder at the moment currency reform is made public. A rough outline indicates that Communist shock troops are to organize disorder and rioting at the places of new currency distribution. Agents are to spread rumors in public places that currency reform signals the date of the Russian advance to the West. Saboteurs are to go into action by sabotaging public utilities. Forged money, already in the hands of the Communist functionaries, is to be circulated immediately. Wild cat strikes are to be organized. SPD key functionaries and officials are to be molested and attacked. CDU functionaries are to be unmolested on the grounds that the CDU leadership is in process of arranging a peaceful settlement with the Russians when they advance west.
3. The document further recommends the following measures to check Communist action:
- Reliable German police should be armed in order to guard the distribution of the new currency while the French gendarmerie blocks-off residences of Communist functionaries.
 - Leading Communist functionaries should be arrested immediately upon the first indication of any such activity as described above.
 - French and German police must be placed on the highest degree of alert.
 - Leading SPD and trade union functionaries who are considered reliable should be cautiously informed of the impending plot.

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Comment: Source states that his informant's opinion is that such a plan of action for the French Zone could only be started with the official support of French Communists. German Communists in the French Zone could not muster sufficient forces to successfully accomplish the action on their own. Source, himself, however, believes that the document constitutes a not very clever attempt of the de Gaullists to frighten the SPD in the French Zone, cause them to begin ill-considered action, and neutralize SPD action by a new strong revival of separatism in the French Zone strongly supported by the French.)

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Comment: It may be that the document in question is another "Plan M". An interesting angle of the story is that the French Surete has assigned certain Gouvernement Militaire officials the task of frightening the SPD.)

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